months four tiger skins, two leopard skins, two deer skins and one skin of an unidentified animal were seized.

(c) The steps taken by the Government to protect the endangered species include:

i. Hunting of Scheduled wild animals have been banned by law.

ii. Central assistance is provided to State/UT Govts. for strengthening anti-poaching infrastructure.

iii. Special schemes for protection and conservation of tigers, elephants and rhinos and their habitat is being implemented.

iv. Raids are carried out by the Wildlife Authorities whenever information of illegal trading in wild animals reaches them.

v. A network of Wildlife Sanctuaries and National Parks has been set up for conservation of wild flora and fauna. Financial assistance is provided by the Central Government for development of National Parks and Sanctuaries on request from the State Governments.

vi. International trade in endangered species of animals and articles made thereof is regulated under the provisions of the Convention of International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). India is a signatory to this Convention.

vii. Regional and sub-regional offices of Wildlife preservation are set up mostly at the main export centres of the country to prevent smuggling of wildlife products.

viii. Cooperation of Police, BSF, Coast Guard and Army is also taken in apprehending the poachers and illegal traders.

ix. There is a scheme for payment of reward to the informers, which, among other things, helps in getting intelligence regarding smuggling of wildlife products.

x. A tiger crisis cell has been set up in Delhi under the Chairmanship of Union Minister of State for Environment and Forests and States have been asked to create special strike force in each Tiger Reserve.

Environmental Projects in Gujarat

6599. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Environmental Projects being launched in Saurashtra region of Gujarat with External Assistance;

(b) the amount of aid received in each case;

(c) the progress made so far, project-wise; and

(d) the details of the projects proposed to be launched with external assistance during 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Under the World Bank assisted 'Industrial Pollution Control Project' Common Effluent Treatment Plants (CETPs) are to be set up at Vapi, Ankleshwar, Sachin, Sarigram and Panoli in Gujarat. An amount of Rs. 75 lakhs has been released to the Government of Gujarat for this purpose. As a part of the above Project, the Gujarat State

Pollution Control Board is also to be provided with equipment and training to the staff.

(c) The Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) schemes are in the initial stage of implementation.

(d) No new projects have been proposed to be launched in Saurashtra region of Gujarat with external assistance during 1994-95.

Encroachment of Rhododendron Sanctuary Land at Singba

6600. SHRI MAHESHWAR SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Former Minister of Sikkim has illegally occupied 3 hectares of Rhododendron Sanctuary land at Singba alongwith a Log House constructed by the State Forest Department at Yumthang in North Sikkim Reserve Forest; if so, whether the Ministry has given clearance to the State Government for transfer of this Reserve Forest Land;

(b) whether it is a fact that this Log House constructed by the Sikkim Forest Department within the Sanctuary in the Reserve Forest Land is now being run as a Tourist Resort by the encroacher and is negotiating to sell the same to M s Dalmia Resort Company alongwith the land encroached at a fabulous price;

(c) if so, what action has been taken in this regard; and

(d) whether Government are aware of the news item which appeared in the Indian Express of 2nd January, 1994 captioned "Ex-Forest Minister grabbed forest-land" the Minister is reported to have sent a team to investigate the same; what is the report of the team if sent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Such an allegation has been received in this Ministry. No proposal for diversion of forest land in question under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 has been received by this Ministry from the State Government so far. No clearance for diversion of this land has been given to the State Government.

(c) and (d) The Government is aware of this news item. The concerned Regional Chief Conservator of Forests has been directed to enquire into the matter. The report is awaited.

उत्तर प्रदेश में पर्यावरण और प्रदूषण से संबंधित परियोजनाओं का कार्यान्वयन

6601. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव:**
चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह:

क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) उत्तर प्रदेश में कार्यान्वित की जा रही अथवा कार्यान्वयन हेतु प्रस्तावित पर्यावरण सुधार परियोजनाएं अथवा नदी प्रदूषण नियंत्रण योजनाएं कौन-कौन सी हैं; और

(ख) गत दो वर्षों के दौरान किये गये कार्यों का ब्यौरा क्या है?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमल नाथ): (क) उत्तर प्रदेश में नदियों के प्रदूषण निवारण के लिए कार्यान्वित की जा रहीं/कार्यान्वयन के लिए प्रस्तावित की जाने वाली स्कीमों के नाम इस प्रकार हैं:

(i) गंगा कार्य योजना चरण-I (लगभग संपन्न)

(ii) यमुना कार्य योजना (कार्यान्वित की जा रही है)

(iii) गोमती कार्य योजना (कार्यान्वित की जा रही है)

(iv) गंगा कार्य योजना चरण-II (प्रस्ताव तैयार/पूरे किये जा रहे हैं)

(ख) उत्तर प्रदेश में गंगा कार्य योजना के पहले चरण के अंतर्गत हाथ में ली गई 106 स्कीमों में से 98 स्कीमें पूरी हो चुकी हैं। इनमें 1992-93 और 1993-94 के दौरान पूरी की गई 17 स्कीमें शामिल हैं।